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There is a movement to have an immense coal station established at Lewes.

The John Hand & Son Silk Company, recently located in Wilmington, will shortly grant a 20 per cent. increase in wages.

The Wilmington and Brandywine Springs Railway Company is being double-tracked for a considerable distance.

Rev. James Crowe, pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington has recovered from a serious illness.

John Jacoby, of Wilmington, has been awarded the contract to build a system of sewers in Washington, D. C., to cost \$200,000.

Wilmington Division, No. 224, Order of Railroad Conductors, is making arrangements for an elaborate occasion at the annual meeting, which will be held at Eden Hall on December 10th. The meeting will probably be followed by a turkey dinner.

Augustus E. Jardine of Smyrna has received the contract from the United States Government to remove the wreck "Zeus," an old delect in Smyrna river near Eagle's Nest Landing, and will commence work at once.

The business of manufacturing artificial ice is rapidly growing in lower Delaware. For a time the Dover plant was the only large ice concern on the peninsula. Now new ones have begun operation at many points and a large concern for supplying the cold storage fruit cars at Clayton is being planned.

Congressman-elect Walter O. Hoeffcker has returned from a trip to Washington, where he had an interview with President McKinley, Census Director Merriam and Charles Emory Smith. Mr. Hoeffcker will make his home at the Hotel Normandie during the season, and will leave for Washington next week.

The "Davy Richards" property, in Smyrna, has been sold by Robert H. Vanduyke and J. Frank White of Dover. The loss was not large. The barn had been used as a sort of workshop but nothing of much value was kept in it.

Some pity was felt at the whippings at New Castle jail Saturday for John Anker and William Bradley, who each received ten lashes. They had stolen property from a P. W. & B. freight car. Anker is between 14 and 15 years, while his companion is older. The younger lad was not lashed very severely.

The Red Man, a monthly publication, in the interests of the Great Council of Delaware. Imp'd. O. R. M., will make its appearance about January 10th next. William H. Kramer of Wilmington will be the publisher and James Hargis of Wilmington, editor. William Carter and Charles Gropp will be his associates.

The Wilmington City Railway Company has made an experiment in lengthening cars. The two eighteen foot cars received from the Rockwood line have been cut in two and spliced and made eight feet longer. The cars, which will run on the Delaware avenue line, are Nos. 9 and 10 and the latter is still in the local shops.

Shortly after she had alighted from a car at Tenth and Church streets, Wilmington, Saturday night, Miss Carrie McLaughlin, of No. 1011 Church street, was attacked by an unknown colored man, who accosted her and asked what street he was on. Her screams attracted Sergeant James B. Tucker, who was in the vicinity and the man fled. A diligent search failed to locate his whereabouts.

The Medical Examining Board representing the President and Fellows of the Medical Society of Delaware, will meet at Dover on December 11th, 12th and 13th, for the purpose of examining candidates who may desire a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State. Dr. P. W. Tomlinson of Wilmington, is Secretary of the Medical Council, and Dr. J. H. Wilson of Dover is secretary of the Medical Examining Board.

An easily turned double gas burner was responsible for the death Sunday morning of Thomas Kenimman, 64 years of age. Mr. Kenimman was visiting his daughter, who lives at No. 1121 Olive street, Philadelphia. He retired on Saturday night, but on trying to awaken him Sunday morning he was found to be dead. The room was filled with gas, flowing from an open gas jet. The burner has two openings to allow the attachment of a gas stove.

The trial Monday of Dr. Thomas C. Moore, one of the most influential practicing physicians in the State, and a personal friend of J. Edward Addicks, resulted in his acquittal on the charge of bribery at an election. Dr. Moore had already practically vindicated at the polls Monday by being elected by the people of Smyrna as their representative in General Assembly. When Attorney General White and Deputy Attorney General Cooper called the case and Dr. Moore pleaded not guilty, there followed great cheering in the Court room, which Chief Justice Lore tried in vain to suppress.

Application will shortly be made to the Board of Pardons for the release of James Johnson and George Hutz, negroes, convicted of the crime of murdering Noah Benson at Delaware City ten years ago and throwing the headless body into the canal. The petition is now out and an attempt will be made to have the members of the jury who convicted the negroes, sign the application for their release. Several jurors have expressed their willingness to sign, while others have stated that they think the men better off where they now are. It is contended by some that Johnson and Hutz were but accessories and took no real hand in the murder of the aged man, yet they helped Miller to get him out of the way. It is thought that the board will favor the pardoning of the men.

At Seaford the Delaware Railroad Company is building a new passenger station. Samuel H. Baynard, Jr., of Wilmington, has registered as a law student with City Solicitor Conrad. Eden Lodge of Odd Fellows will give an old-time country fair in Wilmington, beginning December 17. John Finn was Monday held under \$500 bail, charged with breaking into the saloon of Mrs. Mary Logan. Because a boy who had been employed but a short time was promoted over others the rivet boys working for the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company struck Monday. Dr. J. C. Cooper, of near Camden, set the leg of a valuable horse, which had been broken on a boat in being brought from New York, and the fracture is healing nicely. An effort will be made to have the bar received from the mouth of the Broad-River, near Milton, as last week the steamer between that town and Philadelphia struck for four days on the bar. Henry Neall, colored, of Delaware City, picked up a telephone wire lying on the ground at Jones Guthrie's residence, on the New Castle road Monday, and fell dead. The wire was across the power wire of the New Castle trolley line. At the recent election the vote for the two candidates for inspector in Pencader Hundred was a tie, and the Court decided a vacancy. Governor Tunnell has filled the vacancy by appointing George G. Brown, who was the Democratic candidate. "This going out into the world again is like being born over," he said, "I do not know how to act in these clothes, and the whole thing is very, very strange. The thirty-three years and one month I have been here is now a dead past, and at sixty-two years I am starting out again like a man transferred to another world. I am happier than any one knows, as I did not want to die in a convict's suit." Warden Johnson has been instructed in bringing about the pardon, and accompanied Cody to this city to find his friends. Dr. Irvin, the prison physician, says Cody is suffering from chronic Bright's disease. Cody went to the home of relatives at No. 37 Greene-ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Tribune.

## FREEDOM FOR LIFE PRISONER

After thirty-three years behind the bars at Sing Sing Prison Vincent Cody, a life prisoner, was released Saturday morning on a commutation granted by Governor Roosevelt. He was received at the prison in October, 1867, for murder in the second degree. He killed John H. Livingston in a political quarrel in the Ninth Ward.

For twenty-five years Cody and his friends have been working for a pardon, and every Governor in that time has been appealed to in his behalf. He always maintained that he would leave the prison on a pardon and not die in a convict's garb. He has been longer in Sing Sing Prison than any other convict in the institution, it is said, and ten years longer than any of the present officials have been connected with the institution. A prisoner who attended to his duties and gave the guards no trouble or annoyance, he was universally liked by the officials and prisoners.

For twenty years he has daily swept the floor of the sixth alley, being employed in keeping that part of the prison tidy. He was never punished for an infringement of a prison rule excepted of a breach of discipline, and when the news of his good fortune came to the prison there was rejoicing at his release.

When Warden Johnson told Cody of the Governor's action the men simply stared at him as though he doubted the Warden's words. After being again assured that his freedom had been granted Cody shook hands with his keepers and several prisoners, and was taken to the State "job," where Superintendent John V. Hayes filed him with the first suit of citizen's clothes he has donned in thirty-three years. He lost no time in taking his departure, and when he reached the front office for his discharge he received a ticket for this city and \$80 in money, representing his earnings in the prison. He went at once to the railroad station.

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## HARD WORK FOR CONGRESS

A considerable number of members of Congress have already arrived at Washington, and are getting ready for the work of the session, which opens on Monday, December 3. It is agreed on all sides that the number and magnitude of the questions which are to come up will give to this session unusual prominence. Questions of revenue, of Army reorganization, of commerce and navigation, of the construction of treaties and of National Government in the distant past—these are some of the vital matters to be considered and determined. It will also be expedient to arrange for reappointment of the representation in Congress of the various States under the new census. The session is only three months in length, not counting the usual holiday recess. The great supply bills necessary to be enacted in order that the expenses of government shall be defrayed, with their increasing burden of work, are alone sufficient to take up nearly the whole time of the session. It is indispensable that discussion shall be brief and action prompt.

In the first week of the session it is probable that no important measure besides the Oleomargarine bill will be disposed of in the House. The first day will be consumed entirely, except the first hour, in reading the President's message. Tuesday will be occupied, as usual, with matters on the Speaker's table, reference of which will take some time. Parts of the message will be referred to the special committees concerned. Thursday and most of the remainder of the week will be used on the Oleomargarine bill, which is the special order. The Committee on Rules will probably report an order on the consideration in the following week of the bill now being framed by the Ways and Means Committee for the reduction of war taxes.

## DIED A NATURAL DEATH

Coroner Vandever and Detective Witall after an investigation Monday in connection with the finding of the body of a colored infant in the woods near Clayton last Saturday by gunners. They stated the child belonged to a colored woman named Postles, living at Blackston's Cross Roads, Kent county, and was about nine months old. The mother was too poor to have a funeral and put it in a wagon and took it to an old cemetery in Blackbird hundred, this county, owned by a man named Roberts, where she intended to bury it, but he refused and so she took the body and buried it under six inches of earth in the woods where the dogs dug it out. As the child had been sick for sometime the coroner decided it died of natural death, and took no action.

## REBUCTIONS OF A BACHELOR

After a woman loves a man beyond a certain point she never trusts him. Men make religion of their politics. Women make politics of their religion. Whenever one woman is going to kiss another woman she ought to be made to kiss a bell.

The average advice that you give other people is about as useless as saying "Look before you leap" to a blind frog.

## HOW TO COOK QUAIL

The quail-shooting season is on and may not be amiss to give some suggestions as to the best way of preparing this finest of game birds for table. First, get your birds, a brace for each person to be served, (which is a most trifling matter for the enthusiast—wing-shots in Worcester), and let them be dressed within a few hours after killed, as follows: Pluck the birds dry and very carefully, breaking the skin as little as possible, slice thoroughly, and open in the back. After drawing wash carefully in cold water, puncturing all spots where blood has congealed from the shot-wounds, and press them with hands or cloth to remove the water as thoroughly as possible, then place on china plate or dish and set away in a cool spot for several hours before cooking. In cooking, place them in a bakingpan sufficiently large to avoid crowding, breast down, adding enough water to make a half inch in pan, season with pepper and salt, cover and boil, on top of stove, until slightly tender, the touch of fork, placing on each, whilst boiling, a piece of butter the size of a small marble. Turn the birds breast up, season with pepper and salt, as on other side, dredge lightly with flour, baste with the essence in the pan, and place in oven of the stove, uncovered to brown. Baste frequently, cook slowly until thoroughly done and delicately brown. Serve steaming from the stove, with concomitants of Maryland biscuits and good coffee, and call all the equities to sit in judgement of this Eastern Shore style of cooking quail.

## PROVERBS ABOUT WOMEN

Here are some Chinese sayings that indicate much philosophy: Respect always a silent woman; great is the wisdom of the woman that holdeth her tongue.

A vain woman is to be feared, for she will sacrifice all for her pride.

Trust not a vain woman, for she is first in her own eye.

A laughing woman stumbles, for she cannot see what may be in her way.

Trust not the woman that thinketh more of herself than another, mercy will not dwell in her heart.

The gods honor her who thinketh long before opening her lips. Pearls come from her mouth.

A woman that is not loved is a kite on which the string has been taken; she drives with every wind and cometh to naught by a long fall.

A woman and a child are alike; each needs a strong upholding hand.

A woman that respects herself is more beautiful than a single star; more beautiful than many stars at night.

Woman is the ease for that which pains the father; she is balm for his troubles.

A woman who mistakes her place can never return to where she first was; the path has been covered up from her eyes.

A woman desirous of being seen by men is not trustworthy; fear the glance from her eye.

Give heed to her whom children have come; she walks in the sacred ways and lacks not love.

When a woman loves she fears; she fears not that to which she has become accustomed.

A mother not spoken well of by her children is an enemy of the State; she should not live within the Kingdom's wall.

## DIG FIRE AT MILTON

The third serious fire which has occurred in lower Delaware this week visited Milton early Friday morning, destroying the large and busy cannery factory of A. B. Robinson. The entire building, together with many tons of canned goods therein, was consumed.

Mr. Robinson was in the establishment when the fire broke out, but the big wind so fanned the flames that he had scarcely time to notify the other occupants. The origin of the fire is unknown, although it appeared to start from the roof. The loss in destroyed material alone will be \$15,000, but the loss to the community in having one of its most important industries thus snuffed out is incalculable, for it not only gave large employment to dependent people, but it afforded an excellent market for farm products of the county.

## A GOOD USE FOR MONEY

Charles Austin Bates a well known advertising agent, who has formed a company to advertise and sell a proprietary medicine, mentions seven millionaires who have made \$100,000,000 or more each, and who have admitted to him that but for the advertising of the articles in the newspapers they would never have succeeded. Speaking from their own experience, they say that a business man should not neglect newspaper advertising. "He should put in a newspaper ad" \$100 a year if he hasn't \$1,000 to put in," said one. "He should use every dollar he can get for advertising," said another.

## Closed Saloons, Distilleries Open

The church people of Delmar are rejoicing because they have obtained a victory for no license, and have prevented the establishment of a licensed hotel on the Maryland side of town. While they are rejoicing, however, three distilleries within three miles of Delmar on the Delaware side are in full blast and the people who favor a saloon are talking of opening up a saloon just across the Maryland line.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for medicinal purposes, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Palm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

## Washington Letter.

Senators Allison, Hanna, Spooner, Hale, McMillan, Elkins, and Wolcott, each a man of wide experience in both business and politics, compose the steering committee that will arrange and direct the Republican legislative programme in the Senate, which must be arranged with much more care than that for the House, where an order from the committee on rules can at any time limit the debate and set a time for voting on a measure. With such pilots in charge, there is no probability—hardly a possibility—that any mistake will be made in the Senate end at this session of Congress. The Nicaragua Canal bill, which passed the House at the last session is already provided for, the Senate having agreed that it should be taken up December 10, and given the right of way until disposed of. Which of the move important bills will follow will be decided by the steering committee, but the decision will depend to an extent upon which gets through the House first. Although the shipping bill is at odds upon the Senate calendar, and the several propositions for an army reorganization bill were carefully gone over by the Senate Military Committee at the last session, it is likely that the House will be given an opportunity to pass both before they are brought before the Senate.

It is the expressed intention of the Republican leaders of the House to pass the army bill and the shipping bill before the holiday recess, although one or both may be referred to a caucus first. Chairman Hull, of the House Military Committee, has been in Washington nearly a week conferring with the President, War Department officials and army officers on the details of the army bill, upon which his committee will get to work this week in order that it may be reported to the House at the earliest possible moment.

Representatives Payne, DeBolt and Hopkins, acting as a sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee, have completed the first draft of a bill to reduce internal revenue taxation. The bill will not be made public until approved by the committee, and possibly not until it is reported by the House, which will be during the first week of the session, but it is generally known that it deals almost exclusively with the stamp taxes which have proven a source of worry and inconvenience, although cheerfully paid by the public because it was known that the money was needed by the government, and that it does not touch the tax on beer or on any kind of tobacco. The beer and tobacco interests have already begun to howl, but the committee will probably stave off by the work of the sub-committee. In accordance with the advice of Secretary Gage, the aggregate reductions made by the bill, will be inside of \$30,000,000 a year.

President McKinley and Secretary Hay added another to the several diplomatic triumphs they have scored for the United States in connection with the Chinese troubles when they took the initiative in breaking the deadlock which the foreign ministers at Peking have given themselves, by suggesting to the powers that the negotiations be taken out of the hands of the foreign ministers and that an international commission be assembled outside of China, preferably at The Hague, for the purpose of agreeing upon the demands that the powers shall make upon China. Favorable replies have already been received from several of the powers and it is considered probable that the suggestion will be acted upon. It is not the idea of the President that these should be any negotiations with China at all, but that the international Commission shall determine what demands it would be fair and reasonable to make upon China, and that China shall then be notified to comply with them. He believes that something between the punishment the Chinese government wishes to administer to those who instigated the Boxer troubles and the wholesale beheading of prominent men demanded by some of the powers will be about right, and that the money indemnity shall be fixed at a figure that China can pay, rather than at the impossible amount named by Germany.



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## RURAL FREE DELIVERY

There seems to be in this neighborhood a prejudice against the Rural Free Delivery of the mails. This prejudice, we believe, arises from a lack of knowledge of the system. The objections urged are two in number, its cost, and the closing up of fourth class offices and a consequent loss of place and emoluments, by the postmasters affected. The estimates of the superintendent of Rural Free Delivery are that to place the whole country under the provisions of this service would cost approximately twenty million dollars, and the savings by discontinuance of small offices and star routes would be more than five millions making the total net cost of the service about fifteen million dollars. This does not take into account the increased income that would come from more frequent and better service. And it is a well established fact that every move made in the way of reducing the cost of postage or increasing the more facilities has always shown an immediate and perceptible increase in the revenues. An answer to the second objection is given in the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General under the head of discontinuances. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, there were discontinued 195 fourth class offices on account of the establishment of rural free delivery routes covering the territory tributary to those offices. The combined salaries of these 195 postmasters was \$12,250, an average of \$62.87 per year. Consequently the loss of revenue to the postmasters is not a serious consideration.

The advantages of this system are many and varied. The farming community is the one most to be benefited and what benefits the farmer returns many fold to other classes. By simply placing a box at his front gate, a farmer along the route of a delivery wagon has his mail brought almost to his door instead of having to drive in many instances five, six, or even ten miles to secure it, he can post his letters, or buy his stamps, from the agent; he can send a money order, or have one cashed; he can send a registered letter or receive one; and better than all he may have the daily paper delivered to him not more than two hours later than the resident of the town. And a farmer needs the daily paper as much as any other citizen. Instances are on record where, in case of a sudden rise in some particular farm product, as wheat, corn, cotton, etc., the farmer has not realized all that he should have done. But if he gets his newspapers about as quickly as the dealer, he is or can be as well posted in the markets of the world.

It is not the plan of the Postoffice Department to install this system in the whole country at one time. The progress so far made has been largely experimental and the officials have been "making haste slowly." The first appropriation made by Congress for this service was \$50,000. This was increased to \$150,000, and then to \$1,000,000, while the appropriation for the current year is two and one half millions. The estimate for the year ending July 1, 1901, is three and one half millions. And the estimates to be placed under this act of the Department are already in excess of the possibility of being acted upon.

The plan of the administration as outlined in the reports of the Post Master General to be submitted to Congress next Monday, is to combine, in a measure the present Star Routes, and Rural Free Delivery by permitting residents along the Star Routes to place the letter boxes and have their mail taken from them and on the return trip it to be deposited therein. This will be a great improvement, but of course will not be as satisfactory as the Rural Free Delivery would be. To illustrate, there are from Middletown, two Star Routes, to Odessa and to Earleville. If the Earleville route, for instance, were to be placed under the proposed combination, the farmers along the route would be benefited while those who live on side roads, would still have to go to the post office to secure their mail unless they should arrange with their neighbors to receive

## THE ROSS CONTEST.

Some question has arisen as to the status of Mr. Howard D. Ross' claim that he was elected a State Senator from the Second Senatorial District of this County.

It will be remembered that Mr. Ross entered protests against the District in certain products in that District, but withdrew his protests after several districts had been recounted. He did this to enable the judges to shorten their work, as it was evident that he had not a majority on the face of the returns, but he had not at that time, and has not now, any intention of dropping the matter. According to the official count, Mr. McNulty, his opponent, has a majority of less than one hundred. This would ordinarily be considered safe. But it must be born in mind that the Third Precinct of the Second Ward is a part of that Senatorial District, and it was there that 205 men were in line waiting to vote, when the window was closed at six o'clock. Some, many, of these men had been there since eight o'clock in the morning. The Democratic election officers went into the polling place that morning with the evident intention of doing all things and taking all means, even to risk of broken heads and terms in jail, to prevent the Republicans from getting their vote into the box. The election was suspended for hours, and only renewed upon an agreement to allow one Democrat and one Republican to enter the booths at the same time, notwithstanding the fact that the former were outnumbered about three to one. By reason of this agreement, 171 Republicans and thirty-five Democrats, who were duly registered voters, were prevented from casting their votes. Had these men been allowed to participate in the election, Mr. Ross would have had a majority of about fifty.

When this contest comes before the State Senate, that body should lose no time in righting this attempted wrong. Mr. Ross made a clean, strong fight, and a majority of the voters in his District preferred him to Mr. McNulty, and the wishes of the majority must be considered. Prompt action in this case is needed to teach the ballot thieves of the Third Precinct that their nefarious work will not be permitted to avail. We have seen attempts to steal a County succeed in Kent County, and nearly so in New Castle; but fortunately, the new Constitution and a Republican State Senate, will not allow this attempt to steal a Senatorship to succeed. Mr. Ross should, and will be seated promptly.

## HER CASE IS A PECULIAR ONE.

Mrs. Annie Cole, living near town, who has been in poor health for the past year, left Wednesday last for Philadelphia to enter Hahnemann Hospital where it is hoped an operation can be successfully performed, restoring her shattered health. Some time last March Mrs. Cole, while eating muskrat for supper, swallowed a small bone. At the moment she experienced no serious trouble with the exception of a slight tickling in the throat. Two or three weeks later her throat began to fail and it was thought a throat trouble was causing her frequent spells of illness. Several physicians have treated her but with little success. In July Mrs. Cole was seized with a severe coughing spell when the bone was dislodged. Immediately she began to recover and for several weeks improved so rapidly that the family thought she would be entirely well before cold weather set in. The improvement, however, only continued for a brief time and by September she was in the old condition again, medicine giving her no relief whatever. Continuing to sink Mrs. Cole had her taken to the Hahnemann where the X-rays will be used to ascertain if there is not yet remaining a portion of the bone in her throat. If such be the case an operation will be performed at once, as the swallowing of the muskrat bone is believed to be the cause of her bad health.—*Synopsis*

## KILLED BY A TRAIN

William Bullen, of Cecil county, Md., aged 35 years, was struck and instantly killed at an early hour Sunday morning by an eastbound train on the Philadelphia division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, near Singly station, two miles north of Elkton. Bullen arrived at Singly station at midnight and started up the track to his home a short distance away when he was struck. His body was found by the trackwalker. His skull was fractured. A widow and one child survive him.

Robert Conway Drexler, about 145 o'clock Tuesday morning Robert Conway, aged about 45 years, who had been sick, ran out of his board-house, No. 502 East Third street, Wilmington, to Third street bridge, where he jumped into the Christians River and was drowned. It is believed that his mind was temporarily impaired. Some men who were nearby tried to save Conway, but were unsuccessful. A search was at once begun and the body was recovered about 8 o'clock.

## PENINSULA NOTES

Coroner elect Bayard of Kent county will remove from Slaughter to Clayton. Dixie Smyth has been appointed postmaster at Fairlee.

William E. Brattan has been appointed cashier of the Commercial and Savings Bank, at Snow Hill.

The Rev. E. P. Roberts will preach his inaugural sermon at Chestertown M. E. Church next Sunday.

Governor Tamm Thursday appointed Thomas C. Marshall a member of the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

In order to make the provisions plainer on the subject of the grain market the Wilmington City Council may pass a new ordinance.

A. Wallace Irwin, of Wilmington, who is in the Philippines with the Forty-third Regiment, has been made sergeant major of the regiment.

West Presbyterian Church, of Wilmington, has elected Charles N. Bower, H. E. Henderer and Joseph Stewart trustees for three years.

Frank B. Rogers is an applicant for the Galena postmasterhip. Postmaster Harry Dempsey, whose term will expire in January, 1902, desires reappointment.

Miss Maggie Marvill, of Laurel, who lost her reason when informed of her mother's death, has regained both health and reason and returned home from Philadelphia.

Charles Harvey Diggins and Miss Lydia Pyle Morgan were married on Wednesday evening at No. 333 West Seventh street, Wilmington, by the Rev. Charles A. Grise.

The dredging of the Christians river from Market street bridge to the pulp works, Wilmington, has been completed the channel being twenty-one feet deep and 150 feet wide.

Company F, National Guard of Delaware, of Wilmington, will have an election for captain about the middle of next month. Lieutenant Simon P. Doherty will probably be named.

General Secretary William H. Williams of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A., who was recently married, was sentenced on Wednesday evening by about fifty members at his residence, No. 606 Spruce street.

The directors of the National Bank of Newark, Thursday elected S. Minot Curtis president, vice John Pilling, deceased; Samuel M. Donnell, vice president, and J. Wilkins Cook secretary.

The Wilmington City railway Company is having constructed a dynamo which will be the largest in the Eastern States with the exception of one operated by the Union Traction Company, of Philadelphia.

Alfred Callahan, colored, was arraigned before Magistrate Tyne in Delmar Wednesday, charged with stealing a horse from Isaac J. Henry, pleaded guilty and, in default of \$1,000 bail, in which sum he was held for Court, was committed to jail.

Miss Ethel Elizabeth Jester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jester, of Wilmington, and Clarence L. Walker, of Marshallton, were married on Wednesday evening at the residence, No. 512 West Fourth street, by the Rev. W. L. S. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Bell have issued invitations for the marriage of their niece, Miss Florence Bell Upton, to Joseph Henry Martin, manager of the Sunday Star, of Wilmington on December 11 at the Bell residence, No. 815 West Ninth street.

The Milton cannery was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss amounts to several thousand dollars, and the insurance is \$800. The building was owned by citizens of Milton, and the machinery and stock belonged to James Robinson of Baltimore.

It is likely that Gov. Tamm and his entire staff will attend the centennial celebration at Washington on December 12th, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the meeting of Congress there. The members of the staff will be in full uniform.

The social season was ushered in at the New Century Club, of Wilmington, on Wednesday evening with the dance of the Bachelors. The patronesses were Mrs. A. L. de Pont, Mrs. Ferdinand L. Gilpin, Mrs. Horace W. Grise, Mrs. Preston Lea and Mrs. Willard Salsbery.

It is rumored that Philadelphia and Lewes shippers will establish a large coal station at Lewes. The transportation companies interested in the project, it is said, will ask Congress for appropriations for the extension of the breakwater to the shore and the dredging of the harbor.

Thomas S. Bellah will shortly retire as treasurer of the Wilmington City Railway Company to attend to private interests. He may be succeeded as treasurer by Mr. Bell, the treasurer of the United Powers and Transportation Company. Thomas S. Bellah, Jr., will probably look after the clerical work of the Wilmington office.

Monday afternoon George Hyatt, baggage-master on the Smyrna branch train, while walking along the side-track at the depot elevated over the coal bins, made a misstep and fell into a chute. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to his home in Clayton. It is thought Mr. Hyatt is hurt internally.

Saturday afternoon while Samuel Cole, Jr., was gunning near his home on Bonny Hook Island he shot a wild goose that is somewhat of a curiosity in that vicinity. The bird is said by old gunners to be the largest ever killed on the bay shore. It was 4 feet 4 inches high, 7 feet eight inches from tip to tip and weighed nineteen pounds.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mavrel near Smyrna was the scene of a merry gathering Wednesday when their only daughter, Anita Temple, was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Leon Jones of Leipzig. The parlor was beautifully decorated with masses of potted plants and chrysanthemums and evergreens. The rooms were darkened and the delicate shaded lamps gave the whole scene a picturesque appearance.

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## PORT PENN WAVES

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Mr. Ralph Salig, of Philadelphia, spent Monday in town.

Miss Eaton, of New Castle, spent this week with her parents.

Mr. Lord, of Odessa, is spending some time here with relatives.

Mrs. I. W. Conrad and daughter spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Jennie Kegan, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with us.

Misses Reba Dolbow and Anna Yearsley are spending the week in Philadelphia.

Messrs. Henry Ware and William Hanson, of Wilmington, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. S. B. Bender has accepted a position with Patrick Fahey as boss of the cart boys.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grouse, of Lancaster County, Pa., spent part of last week here.

Mr. Richard Moore who has been employed in Delaware, N. J., is home for a week's vacation.

The Rev. John Willis, of the Presbyterian Church, preached in the M. E. Church on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Neal, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reed, of Wilmington, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Yearley.

Mr. C. C. Conrad while at work on the Augustine Road, captured a forty pound carp in a muskrat bed on Saturday.

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